

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC.
The below message is a form message supplied me by Trac Phone, and upon reading it I thoroughly agree with their comments. As it is now, I am paying thru the nose for long distance fees at my home. I am required to select a long distance provider, even though I prefer not to have one listed. I use a 10-10 number and try to never use the one I have been forced to select when signing up for a phone at the house, In fact, I have two lines, the second for a dial-up computer line, and which has never had a long distance call made on it. But I do pay silly extra payments for just owning the lines. I find the extra fees that are being contemplated, just a further tax on me for something which I should not have to be burdened. Those using our highways for instance, pay road taxes according to use, not just because they are there. Can you imagine 100 percent toll roads? Not me. I don't use them, so I don't pay for them. So be it with phone lines.

In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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